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PREMIERE: "The Case Against 8" is set to premiere at 9 p.m. Monday on HBO East. Pictured here are co-directors Ryan White, left, and Ben Cotner, a Kokomo native.



HISTORY: The film follows struggles of the plaintiffs in the historic court battle to overturn California's ban on same-sex marriage.

‘The Case Against 8’ premieres Monday on HBO

Documentary was co-directed by Kokomo native Ben Cotner

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[**Editor’s note:** Check this Wednesday’s “House of Burgess” column in the Opinion section for an in-depth look at the film.]

After a successful run on the festival circuit over the past few months, the big day is finally here for the documentary “The Case Against 8.” The

award-winning film is set to have its primetime premiere at 9 p.m. Monday on HBO East. The movie was co-directed by Ryan White and Kokomo native Ben Cotner.

“[The film is a] behind-the-scenes look inside the historic case to overturn California’s ban on same-sex marriage,” stated a portion of a press release from the filmmakers. “The high-profile trial first makes headlines with the unlikely pairing of Ted Olson and David Boies, political foes who last faced off as opposing attorneys in *Bush v. Gore*. The film also follows the plaintiffs, two gay couples who find their families at the center of the same-sex marriage controversy. Five years in the making, this is the story of how they took the first federal marriage equality lawsuit to the U.S. Supreme Court.”

The film holds a “Fresh” rating on popular movie review website Rotten Tomatoes, with 88 percent approval from the 17 professional reviews compiled so far. In addition to winning the Directing Award: U.S.

Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival, the film has also been declared The Audience Award Winner at the South by Southwest Film Festival, Best Documentary at the Vail Film Festival, Audience Award and Documentary winner at the Ashland Film Festival, Best Documentary Feature and Audience Award winner at the RiverRun International Film Festival, winner of the Nashville Film Festival and Juried Prize Winner at the Berkshire International Film Festival, among others.

Below is the compilation of show times for the next week. All times and listings are for Eastern Time Zone. Visit www.hbo.com/schedule for additional scheduled screenings.

Monday

9 p.m. — HBO East

10 p.m. — HBO Latino East

Tuesday

1 a.m. — HBO Latino West

5:10 a.m. — HBO East, HBO Latino East

8:10 a.m. — HBO West, HBO Latino West

11 p.m. — HBO2 East

Wednesday

2 a.m. — HBO2 West

8 p.m. — HBO2 East

11 p.m. — HBO2 West

Thursday

10:30 a.m. — HBO East

1:30 p.m. — HBO West

9 p.m. — HBO East

Friday

Midnight — HBO West

12:15 a.m. — HBO Latino East

3:15 a.m. — HBO Latino West

11:05 a.m. — HBO2 East

2:05 p.m. — HBO2 West

Saturday

6 p.m. — HBO East, HBO Latino East

9 p.m. — HBO West, HBO Latino West

Sunday

2:45 p.m. — HBO East, HBO Latino East

5:45 p.m. — HBO West, HBO Latino West

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